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Mr. SABINE offered to the Society sundry interesting and valuable papers connected with the 'war with Tripoli in 1803, including letters from Commodores Preble, Bainbridge, and other officers of the squadron. The Society gratefully accepted Mr. Sabine's liberal offer.

The following preamble and vote were unanimously passed : —

Whereas, the Hon. Jonathan Phillips and Hon. William Appleton have been liberal benefactors to the Society, in aiding the Society in their recent purchase of the real estate occupied by them, —

Voted, That the Society will present to each of those gentlemen, in grateful acknowledgment of their liberality, a copy of every printed volume of the Collections, as the same shall be published.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 24, 1856.

Pursuant to the vote passed at the special meeting of the Society, held on the third instant, the Standing Committee appointed April 24, at noon, at the Society's rooms in Tremont Street, Boston, as the time and place for the annual meeting. Notices were issued, and the meeting held accordingly; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Regents of the University of the State of New York; the Prison-

Discipline Society ; Drs. William F. Channing and Samuel A. Green ; Thomas Lawson, Surgeon-General U.S.A. ; John Clark, J. N. Carrigan, J. Wingate Thornton, E. H. Derby, and John M'Mullen, Esqs. ; and from Messrs. Appleton, Sibley, Winthrop, and Worcester, of this Society.

The Committee appointed at the March meeting to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending in April, made the following report ; viz., —

“The undersigned, a Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Richard Frothingham, jun., the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, have attended to that duty ; and report, that the accounts are properly vouched and correctly cast, and that there is in the hands of their Treasurer the following balances ; viz., —

On the general account, seventy-two dollars and thirty cents .	\$72.30
On account of the Appleton Fund, seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and forty-two cents	768.42
On account of the Massachusetts Historical Trust Fund, thirty-two dollars	32.00
On account of the sales of the Society's Collections, two hundred sixty-three dollars and twenty-five cents . .	263.25

Signed,

JOHN C. GRAY.
J. A. LOWELL.

Mr. ELLIS, from the Committee appointed at the March meeting to nominate officers for the ensuing year, reported the following list ; and the persons therein named were elected ; viz., —

President.

HON. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, LL.D. BOSTON.

Recording Secretary.

JOSEPH WILLARD, A.M. BOSTON.

Corresponding Secretary.

REV. WILLIAM P. LUNT, D.D. QUINCY.

Librarian.

REV. SAMUEL K. LOTHROP, D.D. BOSTON.

Treasurer.

HON. RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, JUN. CHARLESTOWN.

Cabinet-Keeper.

NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, M.D. BOSTON.

Standing Committee.

REV. CHANDLER ROBBINS, D.D. BOSTON.

HON. JOHN C. GRAY, A.M. BOSTON.

WILLIAM BRIGHAM, A.B. BOSTON.

FRANCIS PARKMAN, A.B. BOSTON.

GEORGE LIVERMORE, A.M. CAMBRIDGE.

Mr. DEANE, from the Standing Committee, made a verbal report in relation to the unbound pamphlets, &c., —that about ten thousand pamphlets had been arranged and pretty minutely classified, and put into four hundred and fifty-seven cases; that, of the loose manuscripts, there are three volumes of the Otis papers, one of the Hollis papers, and that there will be from five to seven miscellaneous volumes, extending from the time of the first charter to the middle of the last century; that the Massachusetts State papers are nearly complete, and that the list is with Dr. Shurtleff to perfect the same; that, of the Collections, there are five thousand five hundred and forty-eight copies, varying from three copies of a volume to four hundred and fifty.

Mr. DEANE also reported, that Dr. Appleton, the Assistant Librarian, had submitted to the Standing Committee the following statement: —

Since the annual meeting in April, 1855, there have been added to the library, by donation, one hundred and forty bound volumes of books; seven hundred and five pamphlets; one bound and eight unbound volumes of newspapers; three manuscripts; four maps, plans, &c.

The books belonging to the library have been more extensively used by members and others during the year, both for consultation at the rooms, and as to the number of books taken out, amounting to a hundred and forty-four volumes, all of which have been returned in good order. At the date of the last annual meeting, twenty-seven volumes were charged upon the loan-book of the Librarian, some of which had been retained for several years by the persons taking them from the library. These books have all been recovered, and, together with many which had been removed from their proper location in the library-room, have been replaced upon the shelves.

It is believed that every volume belonging to the library is now in place, with the exception of those which have been long missing, and are probably irrecoverably lost.

In addition to the ordinary duties of the Librarian, progress has been made in the preparation of the new Catalogue, which was commenced on the 18th of April last. Since that date, all the volumes upon the shelves in the library-room, together with the manuscripts and other volumes in the cabinets, and the United-States documents in the ante-room, have been catalogued, and the proper cross-references added.

The work will be completed by cataloguing the remaining volumes in the ante-room, with the bound volumes of newspapers and unbound pamphlets.